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My name is Casey Moon.
I am good at what I do.

I solve cases.

I look. I listen. I smell.

My friends talk to me about cases.

I have a call from Peg right now.

"I saw a furry thing! Please come!" Peg yells.

"I will get wet in the rain," I tell her.

"Please help!" Peg says.

"I will come," I tell her.

I put on an old coat and hat.

I walk down the street to Peg's house.

I take my time.

I look. I listen. I smell.

"I'm scared of that furry thing!" Peg yells.

"First, talk to me about the furry thing," I tell her. "What did it look like?"

"It was furry," she says.

"Tell me more. Was it big?" I ask.

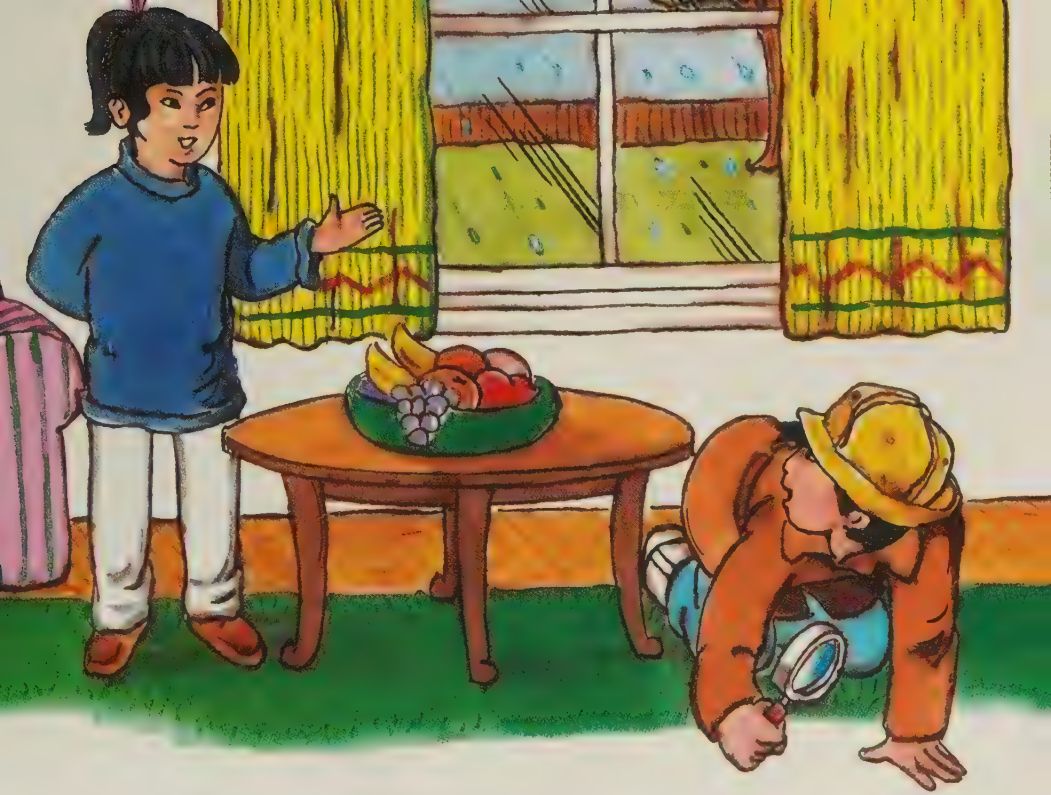
"No," Peg says.

"Was it little?" I ask.

"No," Peg says.

"You are not much help," I tell her.

"I will need some time to solve this case."



I look up and down and all around.
"Where was this furry thing?" I ask.

"Outside," Peg says.

"Why didn't you tell me that first?" I ask.

"You didn't ask me that first," Peg says.

I go back outside in the rain.

An old can is down on the wet grass.

I look. I listen.

And I **SMELL**.

Casey Moon has solved this case.

"The furry thing is gone," I tell Peg. "But I can tell you what it was. It was a skunk."

"You do solve cases," Peg says.

"Yes! I look. I listen," I tell her. "And now I really **SMELL!**"

"You sure do!" Peg says.

We both laugh.

Word Study

an
ask
did
much
not
on
skunk
smell
thing
yells

Can you read these words?

laugh outside street

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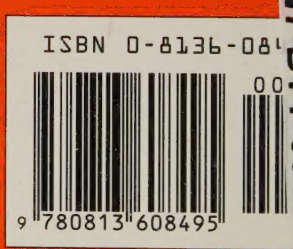

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